

Speech Milestones

Accurate production of sounds develop at different ages!

Below are the typical ages for sound development and elimination of typical phonological patterns:

Age by which 75% of children used the speech sound listed accurately.	Speech sounds
2 years old	p
3 years old	h y w ng m n k t b g d f
4 years old	l sh ch j s z v
5 years old	r zh (measure) th (this)
6 years old	th (thing)

Phonological Process	Age of Elimination
Pre-vocalic voicing (e.g. pig = big)	3;0
Word-final de-voicing (e.g. pig = pick)	3;0
Final consonant deletion (e.g. comb = coe)	3;3
Fronting (e.g. car = tar, ship = sip)	3;6
Consonant harmony (e.g. mine = mime, kittycat = tittytat)	3;9
Weak syllable deletion (e.g. elephant = efant, potato = tato, television = tevision, banana = nana)	4;0
Cluster reduction (e.g. spoon = poon)	4;0
Gliding of liquids (e.g. run = one, leg = weg, leg = yeg)	5;0
Stopping 'f' (e.g. fish = tish)	3;0
Stopping 's' (e.g. soap = dope_)	3;0
Stopping 'v' (e.g. very = berry)	3;6
Stopping 'z' (e.g. zoo = doo)	3;6
Stopping 'sh' (e.g. shop = dop)	4;6
Stopping 'j' (e.g. jump = dump)	4;6
Stopping 'ch' (e.g. chair = tare)	4;6
Stopping voiceless 'th' (e.g. thing = ting)	5;0
Stopping voiced 'th' (e.g. them = dem)	5;0

If your child is presenting with errors not described on this page (i.e. atypical error patterns), please contact us for a Speech Pathology assessment

